

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-5 stand presently rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Weinstein et al (US Patent No. 6,035,020). Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weinstein. Claims 8 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 1, cancel claims 3-9, and add new claim 10.

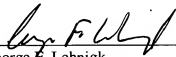
Amended claim 1 recites all the features of allowable claim 8. Claim 2 should be allowable at least by virtue of dependency from amended claim 1. New claim 10 recites all the features of allowable claim 9. Therefore, as discussed in the interview with the Examiner on June 9, 2003, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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